



*Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515*

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The Honorable George W. Bush, President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I'm writing to urge you in the strongest terms to put an end to the proposed deal to allow Dubai Ports Worldwide to manage port operations at six major U.S. seaports.

Since this proposal became public it's become clear that the members of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) conducted only the most cursory of investigations into this deal, and neglected to set a high enough standard of review to fully ensure our national security. Despite federal regulations that mandate a 45-day review of cases of this nature, CFIUS members conducted what has been described as a minimal 23-day investigation, and met only once in full committee to discuss any potential concerns with the proposal. The fact that neither you, the Congress, nor the Secretaries of Treasury, Defense or Homeland Security were briefed on any aspect of this deal is shocking, and indicative of the low priority the Administration has placed on securing our seaports.

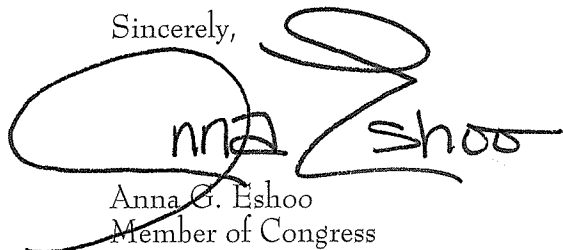
The fact that you and your Cabinet stand by the approval of this deal without substantial review of the facts of the case is equally troubling. As you are well aware, a major criticism leveled against the federal government by the 9/11 Commission was a failure of imagination to think proactively to determine how and when our enemies may seek to cause us harm. I fear that once again CFIUS, and by extension our entire national security apparatus, is guilty of complacency by failing to explore the widest range of consequences this deal exposes us to. As elected officials, you and I are required to demand a higher standard for ensuring the security of the American people.

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I urge you to withhold the approval of this deal until such time the Congress is able to conduct a complete review of the proposal to properly ensure that the security of the American people has been protected.

I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Eshoo". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "A" and a long, sweeping "E" that extends to the right. The name "Anna Eshoo" is written in a cursive script across the middle of the signature.

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress